

Today is the fifth anniversary of the No Child Left Behind law. Enacted with the support of both Senator Kennedy (D-MA) and President Bush, it was a major step in granting the rights of parents to know how their children's schools performed.

We have learned more about education assessment in the last five years than the previous 15. We are now forming a bipartisan consensus to fix the problems we see with the law without harming the rights of parents to learn about their school's performance. Working with my Education Advisory Board, I drafted bipartisan legislation (H.R. 5717) designed to remedy some of the problems with No Child. I was proud when the bill was formally endorsed by the National Education Association. We will introduce a new version soon with Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ).

One of our key Advisory Board members, District 214 Director of Research and Evaluation Steve Cordogan, assembled some key statistics on the performance of local high schools in our area. His work does not include all 10th district high schools but offers one way to look at school performance. Congratulations to Stevenson, Highland Park, New Trier, Hersey, Glenbrook North and Deerfield high schools for their measured high performance.

